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AT PEACE DINNERTaft, Hughes, and Diplomats
Are the Speakers.Gathering One of the Most Notable
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Senator-elect Extolled and the Foolishness of War Presented in Vigorous Language—Ambassadors of Great Britain, Japan, and Brazil Eloquent in Their Praise of Work of Former Secretary of State.

New York, Feb. 26.—The Peace Society gave a dinner to Senator-elect Elihu Root at the Hotel Astor, at which Joseph H. Choate presided, and President-elect Taft, Gov. Hughes, and the Ambassadors of three nations—Bryce, of Great Britain; Takahira, of Japan; and Nabuco, of Brazil—spoke from the tribune on two subjects, the worth of Mr. Root and the foolishness of war.

The dinner, easily among the most notable in the long history of public banquets in New York, was distinguished by the fervency of the tributes of Mr. Root, the unmistakable sincerity of which flashed out of spoken words and for a lesson in good manners, which Mr. Root read for the benefit of jingoes; or, as he came very near to characterizing them, the national rowdies.

Big Rooms Crowded.

There were present more than 500 members of the Peace Society of New York and their guests. The largest single room of the Astor House was too limited to accommodate them, and the banquet was placed in two rooms—rather, a room which turned a corner. From all points of it a flag-draped balcony of tiny size, a tribute with the yellow dragon of China, the rising sun of Japan, the crosses of Great Britain, and the Stars and Stripes paneled into the white enamel of the wall behind it was clearly visible.

From this tribune Mr. Choate introduced the Senator-elect as "One who never blew his own trumpet."

Mr. Root made his address upon the importance of nations dealing with each other exactly as men of breeding do with one another. The Ambassadors of Great Britain, Japan, and Brazil epitomized the services of Mr. Root, not merely to the United States, but to the world, and Mr. Taft and Gov. Hughes made their addresses upon topics which they coupled closely—peace and Elihu Root.

Filing at Suffragettes.

Mr. Choate at a little before 9 o'clock mounted nimbly into the flag-swathed tribune. He said that the banquet had been conducted up to that point on the principal that all men and women are born free and equal, but that man would have to assume control at this point. Like Mr. Root, and one or two other speakers that came later, Mr. Choate took a mild fling at the suffragettes, finding his excuse in their descent upon Albany, Gov. Hughes was observed to lean back in his chair and laugh with apparent heartiness.

Mr. Choate had been ordered into the tribune to "lead the orchestra" to draw all sorts of agreeable noises from distinguished persons. If, he said, they should undertake to tell all the good they knew of Mr. Root the banqueters would have to stay a week.

"Mr. Taft might not be able to get away to his own inauguration," said the ex-Ambassador to Great Britain. "It might be that the legislature would pass all the laws it wanted to and adjourn before Gov. Hughes could get back to Albany. And then what would become of that moral uplift?" (A great deal of laughter and applause.)

"The Peace Society," continued Mr. Choate, had tendered the dinner to Mr. Root because they believed he had done more in the last four years to promote the peace of nations than any other living man."

Cheers for Mr. Root.

He then presented Mr. Root, who was greeted with prolonged cheers.

Mr. Root, at the first opportunity that was offered him, laid his hand upon Mr. Choate's shoulder, and said:

"I have had forty years of companionship, friendship, and always the most gentle, considerate, kindly, and noble friendship from this man. It is hard to sit and listen to a speech like that, and Mr. Choate has made; very trying. But I beg you to believe that for once I do not believe all that he says." (Laughter.)

Mr. Root said in the assembly before him all of the proofs and the evidences of the worth of this man, of his life, of his beauty, and nobility preserved and defended by this modern civilization which substitutes war for peace.

"We have passed," he said, "far from those days when men fought for mere joy of fighting; except here and there an individual and here and there a half savage community, no one makes war for the love of war save the suffragettes." (Laughter and applause.)

Taft the Last Speaker.

President-elect Taft, at the first dinner for many a day at which he was not the guest of honor, spoke last of all, saying: "As my mind goes back over my acquaintance with Elihu Root it seems to me that he ought to be the President-elect and I ought to be a prospective member of his Cabinet. (Applause, followed by laughter). "Because," Mr. Taft added, "I know how to serve under him." (Applause.)

The President-elect paused to speak for a moment of Gov. Hughes.

The power of speech of the distinguished and eloquent governor of New York grows upon me every time I hear him," said Mr. Taft.

Speaking of the traits which made Mr. Root pre-eminent great, in his mind, he said:

"If there be a man with clearer knowledge of the law and a greater ability of

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WEATHER FORECAST.

For the District of Columbia, Maryland, and Virginia—Partly cloudy and warmer to-day; tomorrow increasing cloudiness; variable winds.

CHINESE PORCELAIN SOLD.

Prominent Men and Women Attend Auction of Graves Collection.

New York, Feb. 26.—Admirers of Chinese porcelain came out in greater force at the American Art Galleries to-day, at the second session of the Graves auction, than on Thursday afternoon, and before they had finished for the day had spent \$42,002. They have another day before them. At to-day's sale a large blue and white beaker, a K'ang-Hsi production, twenty-eight inches tall, was bought for \$3,500 by a firm of dealers.

Another piece of blue and white brought \$4,000. Edward Cahill was the buyer.

Among the buyers were Mrs. John Jacob Astor, Charles P. Taft, the President-elect's brother; Mrs. Ogden Mills; Mrs. Ogden Colet; Mrs. Bayard Cutting, and others.

CHICAGO, "HEALTHIEST" CITY.

This Claim Put Forth in Annual Report of Board of Health.

Chicago, Feb. 26.—Chicago still remains the healthiest American city of more than 350,000 inhabitants, according to the annual report of the health department for 1908, just made public. Its death rate is 14.19 per 1,000 of population, and the health officers assert that the public has become so much interested in health precautions that further decrease is expected in the current year.

A total of 26,548 persons died during the year—135 fewer than in 1907. Seven per cent of the total deaths were due to violence, and of these an even 500 were suicides—an increase of 101 over the preceding year. This marked increase in self-destruction is attributed partly to financial depression.

From typhoid fever there were 338 deaths, the lowest rate in the history of the city. Before the drainage canal was constructed, the report says, Chicago had the highest typhoid death rate of any city in the world.

RECOVER VALUABLE RELIC.

Mexican Geologist Gets Palenque Cross from Ancient Ruins.

Mexico City, Feb. 26.—A dispatch from Frontera, Mexico, says that the party of government geologists who recently visited the ancient ruins of Palenque, in the State of Tabasco, for the purpose of removing the third section of the famous Palenque cross from the Palace of the Sun, have succeeded in their mission and are now on their way to this city, bringing the valuable relic with them to place it in the national museum.

One of the other sections of this Palenque cross is in the Smithsonian Institution at Washington, and another in the museum here. The last section of the cross was removed from the Palace of the Sun with but little damage to the panel.

WOULD APPEASE IRISH.

Goldwin Smith Suggests that King Visit Country Annually.

Ottawa, Ontario, Feb. 26.—Writing in the Weekly Sun, Dr. Goldwin Smith says: "The King has proved his winning manner in Germany. Now let him try it in Ireland. If royalty had done its manifest duty, visiting Ireland once a year, we should never have heard of home rule, and the United Kingdom would not be as it is now, in imminent danger of dismemberment."

WEDDING SECRET 12 YEARS.

Notice in Illinois Paper Announces Marriage for First Time.

Freeport, L. I., Feb. 26.—This notice was published to-day in the Nassau County Review:

"Isabella Averling Franchi, daughter of the late Italian philanthropist, Giovanni Franchi, of New York City, and Frank Eugene Hammond, son of the late Dr. George Hollis Hammond, whose widow, Louise, and son Albert still reside in Freeport, L. I., were married on December 2, 1897, by Rev. Dr. —, an Episcopal minister. Those desiring to communicate addresses indefinitely (preferably by mail only) Dr. Isabella Hammond, in care of Franchi, 21 MacDougal street, New York."

New York, Feb. 26.—At 21 MacDougal street to-night, Dr. Isabella Hammond could not be seen. According to a friend who came to the door, Isabella Franchi and young Hammond were married when studying at a Southern university in 1897.

RUSH TO GOLD FIELDS.

Party of Americans Come Across Rich Digings in Canada.

Winnipeg, Manitoba, Feb. 26.—Gold has been discovered at Sturgeon Lake, on the Lake Superior branch of the Grand Trunk Pacific, and a rush is being made to the scene. The announcement was made of the discovery at the local offices of the railroad.

Sturgeon Lake is reached through Wabigoon, on the Lake Superior branch, 169 miles from Fort William. There is a ferry across the six miles from Wabigoon to Sturgeon Lake, so that the new gold fields can be conveniently reached. A party of Americans from Cleveland located the find and attempted to keep it a secret.

The Grand Trunk Pacific Railway is already carrying transportation facilities in anticipation of a big rush.

One Man Captures Five.

Muskegon, Okla., Feb. 26.—In the San Bois Mountains, singled-landed and in the dark, James Beck, a farmer living near Stilger, Okla., early to-day captured five robbers who had robbed him of \$2,000, recovered part of the money, and then made an ineffectual attempt to land his men in jail. Two were wounded, but all escaped.

Earthquake in the Pacific.

London, Feb. 26.—Seismologist Milne's instruments recorded a vast earthquake of the greatest intensity at 5:36 p. m. He calculates that the disturbance was 5,000 miles distant, apparently somewhere in the Pacific Ocean.

Kills One; Wounds Four.

Neilling, Neb., Feb. 26.—In a row here to-night between Greek railroad laborers and citizens, an unknown Greek secured a shotgun and revolver and began shooting. One citizen was killed, the city marshal, a bartender, and two citizens badly injured.

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Largest Hotel Planned.

New York to Soon Have Twenty-four Story Hostelry.

New York, Feb. 26.—New York's largest hotel is to be erected on the site of the old Greek Hotel, Forty-second street, opposite the Grand Central Station, unless plans under way fall through. It will be a twenty-four-story structure, covering a plot 15x200 feet, and will contain 1,500 bedrooms.

E. M. Statler, proprietor of the Hotel Statler, of Buffalo, is slated to be the lessee of the new hostelry.

"It will take at least two years to complete the building," said Mr. Statler to-day. "The negotiations have not reached the stage where contracts have been let, but this could be under way while the site is being cleared of the structures now on it."

The proposed new hotel will be higher than the Belmont and larger than the Waldorf-Astoria, according to Mr. Statler.

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CATHOLICS LOYAL,

SAYS THE CARDINAL

Charges Are Refuted by His Eminence.

LOVE COUNTRY AND RELIGION

Denies Lack of Patriotism in the Catholic Church—Says Separation of Church and State Is Most Desirable in This Country, While in Other Lands Opposite May Be True.

LIFE TERM FOR BURGLARY.

Samuel Goodman Convicted of Second Offense in New York.

New York, Feb. 26.—For the first time in the history of the criminal courts of New York, a burglar was sentenced to life imprisonment to-day. The sentence was imposed upon Samuel Goodman, alias Goldberg, twenty-five years old. Goodman had been convicted of burglary in the first degree as a second offense.

Judge Mulqueen, in the Court of General Sessions, imposed the sentence. The court had no alternative under the new law than to send the convicted man to Sing Sing for life.

MAIN SURVIVOR DIES.

Jere Shea Probably Has Brain Injured in Battle Ship Explosion.

Carmel, N. Y., Feb. 26.—There lies dead to-day in the Carmel jail a man who was on the Maine when she was blown up in the harbor of Havana on February 15, 1898. His name was Jere Shea. He had no friends, and unless some charitable person shall offer to pay his funeral expenses this veteran of the Maine will be consigned to the burying-ground on the county farm, which is equivalent to the potter's field. He was thirty-nine years of age. He served in both the army and the navy.

It is probable that during the wild scenes which followed the blowing up of the Maine his brain was injured. At any rate, after that catastrophe his mind would be at times somewhat weak.

On New Year's evening he knocked at the door of the Carmel jail and asked for shelter. Jere lingered on in the jail until Wednesday evening, when he passed peacefully away.

WESLEYAN BARS CO-EDS.

Methodist School Will Admit No More Women as Students.

New York, Feb. 26.—After a discussion lasting for over three hours, the trustees of Wesleyan University to-day voted to abolish the co-educational system at the famous old Methodist College. The meeting of the trustees was held in the Methodist Building, at 159 Fifth avenue, and was attended by only the lay trustees, but many of the most prominent ministers of the Methodist Church. The discussion was held behind closed doors, and every effort was made to keep the proceedings secret.

Wesleyan was founded in 1831, and is the oldest of the Methodist colleges, and has been co-educational for the past thirty years.

The students themselves are known to be in favor of the dropping of the girls. The girls at Wesleyan represent 20 per cent of the entire enrollment of the college.

They prefer its form of government before any other. They admire its institutions and the spirit of its laws. They accept the Constitution without reserve, with no desire, as Catholics, to see it changed in any feature. They can with clear conscience swear to uphold it.

BELIEVE IN CHURCH SEPARATION.

With an appreciation the greater because their fathers or they themselves have known persecution in the British Isles, in Germany, in Poland, and elsewhere, they prize both the liberty assured to the church. The separation of church and state in this country seems to them the natural, inevitable, and best conceivable plan, the one that would work best among us, both for the good of religion and of the state. Any change in their relations they would contemplate with dread."

The cardinal ends the article by saying: "American Catholics rejoice in our supranational of church and state, and I can conceive no combination of circumstances likely to arise which would make union desirable either to church or state. We know the blessings of our present arrangement; it gives us liberty, and binds together priests and people in a union better than that of church and state in other countries."

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